

Living

CITY OF WYLIE

City Council Breaks Ground
on Municipal Complex

January 2009

Breaking Ground...Building for the Future

City of Wylie residents, City Council, staff and civic leaders gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of Wylie's new municipal complex on Saturday, December 13. More than 45 people, lined up across three mounds of soil representing the three unique spaces, simultaneously broke ground.

Approved by voters during the 2005 bond program, the \$41.5 million complex includes a 45,737 sq. ft. City Hall, 47,159 sq. ft. Recreation Center and 43,934 sq. ft. Library. Estimated construction time is twenty-two months with a completion date of late October 2010.

"Construction of Wylie's new municipal complex is generating an excitement throughout the community and the Metroplex," says Wylie Mayor Eric Hogue. "Not only will the City Hall, Library and Recreation Center enable us to provide an enhanced level of service to our citizens, but the buildings and beautiful Wells Property will be a community gathering place for all to enjoy."

The 760 linear foot complex designed by the Dallas, Texas, based architectural firm Architexas and Holzman Moss Architecture of New York, New York, is located on 253 acres of land known as the Wells Property. Bordered by FM 544, Brown Street and FM 1378, the property was acquired in 2005 through the Trust for Public Land Program.

Many of the construction materials are native to Texas including Austin Stone and Mesquite in-grain flooring. Special design consideration was taken to ensure that the unique, one-of-a-kind, building complements the beautiful landscape and takes full advantage of the open meadow, sloping topography, trees and creek. The area is the perfect location for future events and walking trails.

For more details about the project, including architectural renderings and site maps, go to www.wylietexas.gov and select News > City Updates > City Facilities.



Online @ WylieTexas.gov

Council Meetings to Start at 7 pm

The City Council unanimously voted to change the start time from 6 pm to 7 pm to make it easier for residents to attend meetings after work and increase participation in the proceedings. Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Complete Council packets are posted at www.wylietexas.gov > City Hall > Agendas & Minutes > City Council the Friday before scheduled meetings.

Low Cost Pet Vaccinations

City of Wylie Animal Control has partnered with Dr. Wood of the North Texas Mobile Veterinary Service to offer low cost pet vaccinations the first Friday of every month from 4 pm - 7 pm. Services are rendered on a first come, first served basis with sign-ups beginning at 3:30 pm. For more information call 972-442-5268 or go to www.wylietexas.gov > Safety > Animal Control.

Weekly Residential Recycling Funds Median Beautification

Did you know that Community Waste Disposal returns a percentage of recycling revenues back to the City that is directly used to beautify our medians, including tree planting's? Recycling is quick and easy. For a list of acceptable items that can be placed in your blue cart go to www.wylietexas.gov > Services > Trash & Recycling.

Library

City Hall

Recreation Center

Council Adopts New City Seal

City Council members unanimously passed a resolution adopting a new City seal during the December 9 City Council meeting. The new design focuses on the rich history of Wylie and its incorporation in 1887.

As compared to a City logo or brand that is changed every five to fifteen years, a seal should have longevity, rarely, if ever changed. The seal is the legal symbol that documents have been executed by the Mayor or City Manager and made part of the attesting by the City Secretary.



Sgt. Valdepena Named Employee of the Year

“It is hard to begin describing this leader who has been instrumental in so many projects! Her ability to give 110%, her positive attitude and undying support make Donna an amazing role model,” said City Manager Mindy Manson during the City of Wylie Employee Awards Luncheon. “From the way she has taken over the SRO program to her development of Wylie’s first Citizen Police Academy, her positive contributions, passion and desire to make Wylie a great place to live and work is unsurpassed.”

Other employees recognized include Gayle Walton, Customer Service Employee of The Year; Shaun Butterley & Rhonda Amos, Newcomer(s) of The Year; Prudence Kling, Twenty-Five Years; Jim Holcomb, Twenty Years.



(L-R) City of Wylie Employee of the Year Sgt. Donna Valdepena, Sgt. Tommy Walters; City Manager Mindy Manson

Fun & Learning

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library

800 Thomas Street

972-442-7566

www.WylieTexas.gov > Community > Smith Public Library

Hours:	Mon., Tue. & Thur.	Noon - 8 pm
	Wednesday	9 am - 6 pm
	Friday	11 am - 5 pm
	Saturday	9 am - 4 pm
	Sunday	Closed

All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

Storytime, Every Wednesday

Join us for books, flannel stories, finger plays, songs and crafts.

Big Kids (ages 3-5), 9 am & 11 am

Wee Read (Babies & Toddlers), 10 am

Jan. 28 - Let's Go on an Adventure!

Feb. 4 - Wise Old Owl

Feb. 11 - Hugs and Kisses

Feb. 18 - Imagination

Feb. 25 - How Do You Feel?

BeTween Book & Movie Club, January 29, 6:30 pm

4th and 5th graders are invited to discuss *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. Enjoy snacks and watch scenes from the movie. Free books are available for the first 15 kids that sign up!

Wagging Tales, February 5 & 19, 6:30 pm

Celebrate Abby's Birthday Party February 5, 6 pm

Practice reading aloud to Abby the Collie. Tickets are required and will be distributed on a first come first served basis the evening of the program.

“Love Your Library” Chocolate Fest, February 5, 5 pm - 7 pm, American National Bank, Adults Only

The Friends of the Rita & Truett Smith Public Library invite you to this free chocolate tasting and reception in celebration of Love Your Library Month.

Teen Library Council Meeting and Chocolate Tasting, Thursday, February 12, 5 pm, Grades 6-12

Discuss teen programs, give feedback on the teen collection, win prizes and celebrate Valentine's Day with a chocolate tasting.

Meet Kristin Kahanek, February 21, 10 am

Channel 11 meteorologist and author of the book *Katie and the Magic Umbrella: A Stormy Adventure*, will autograph copies of her new children's book. Books will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Library.

Fourth Monday Book Club, February 23, 6:30 pm

Adults 18 and up are invited to a book discussion on *Crazy School* by Cornelia Read.

BeTween Book & Movie Club, February 26, 6:30 pm

4th and 5th graders are invited to talk about your favorite book or movie.